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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the October 27, 2006 Office Action in the above-referenced patent application which imposed a restriction requirement. Since this Reply is due on November 27, 2006, it is being timely filed.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant is required to elect for prosecution one of the following:

- Claims 1-8 and 16-28, drawn to a mask and method of making; and
- Claims 9-15, drawn to an apparatus for using a mask. II.

Applicant respectfully elects, without traverse, Claims 1-8 and 16-28, drawn to a mask and method of making.